वर्ष	समय से अधिक ठहरने वाले	लापता (समय से अधिक ठहरने वालों में शामिल)
1993	12,204	3,048
1994	11,037	2,924
1995	10,558	2,839
1996	11,005	2,877
1997	11,308	2,872

(घ) भारत में विदेशियों का आगमन, प्रवास, नियंत्रण और संचलन, पासपोर्ट (भारत में प्रवेश) अधिनियम, 1920, विदेशियों का रजिस्ट्रीकरण अधिनियम, 1939 और विदेशियों विषयक अधिनियम, 1946 और उनके अंतर्गत बनाए गए नियमों और आदेशों के द्वारा नियंत्रित किया जाता है। इन अधिनियमों के अंतर्गत केन्द्र सरकार की शक्तियां राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को सौंपी गई है ताकि वे देश में गैर कानूनी रूप से रह रहे पाकिस्तानी नागरिकों सहित विदेशी नागरिकों का पता लगा कर उन्हें निर्वासित करें। केन्द्र सरकार, राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को समय-समय पर देश में गैर कानूनी रूप से रह रहे विदेशियों का पता लगाने और उन्हें निर्वासित करने के लिए विशेष अभियान चलाने के अनुदेश भी जारी करती रही है।

Central Teams for U.P. and Maharashtra

2353. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent study teams to Bihar and West Bengal to assess the law and order situation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that the law and order in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra are very alarming; and

(d) whether Government will send study teams to these States to assess the law and order situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central team to Bihar was deputed to assess the prevailing law and order situation in the State and the steps taken by the State Government to instill confidence in the general public in view of the killings of public representatives. The Central team to West Bengal was deputed to look into specific cases of crime committed against certain sections of the population during the panchayat polls and the steps taken by the State Government to instill confidence among the population.

(c) and (d) The Constitution of India casts a duty on the Union to protect every State not only against external aggression but also internal disturbance and to ensure that the Government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Central and State Governments have all along been interacting on issues relating to law and order. Deputing Central teams to the States needs to be viewed in this context. No proposal to depute any study team to Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh is under consideration at present.

Central team to Assess Law and Order Situation in West Bengal

2354. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that law and order is a state subject under the Constitution;

(b) if so, under what Constitutional powers Government sent a team of their officials to study the law and order situation in West Bengal; and

(c) whether Government can take cognizance of a general nature of complaints on law and order in the States under the present Constitutional scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) 'Public Order', no doubt, is a State subject as per Entry 1 of List II-State List

in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. However, article 355 of the Constitution of India casts a duty on the Union to protect every State not only against external aggression but also internal disturbance and to ensure that the Government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. In the discharge of this duty, the Central Government is expected to keep itself posted with respect to going-on in all States. Visits of Central officials to the States are part of this process. The Central and State Governments have all along been interacting on issues relating to law and order.

Cognizable Crimes

2355. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the detailed figures for cognizable crimes like murders, decoity, atrocities on women like rape, attacks on SCs and STs etc. with item-wise and State-wise break-up for the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): Information is readily available up to the month of April'98 only. According to it, the position in regard to cognizable crimes in various State/Union Territories during February, March and April'98 was as indicated in the enclosed Annexure. [*see* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 69.]

Stone Carving for Ayodhya Temple

2356. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C. O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report that stone carving work is in progress in Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh) in undisputed areas;

(b) if so, the progress made in the work;

(c) whether Government have received protests from some opposition parties in the matter; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to stop the construction preparatory work?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) No construction activity is going on at the disputed Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid site at Ayodhya. However, from various sources, reports have been received that cutting and carving of stone pillars are going on at places away from the disputed site at Ayodhya and at some villages in Rajasthan. Carving of stones away from the disputed Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid site at Ayodhya does not constitute violation of any law. Some of the political parties have also protested in the matter. Central Government as a statutory receiver is duty bound to maintain status-quo in the disputed area as per Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 24.10.94. The site is under the protection of the Central Government and it would be protected fully.

Economic Package for North-Eastern States

2357. SHRI PRAKANTA WARSIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action is being taken by Government for implementation of economic package for North-Eastern States, particularly in Assam, as announced by earlier Government;

(b) whether Government propose any modification in the economic package for the State of Assam; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) A majority of the projects/schemes